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G.O. NO. 2224

Dated 21-9-1953

[Despatch Abstract.]

Grant - Teaching - Canara High School, Mangalore - Appointment of a full time curator for the school Museum, Admission of expenditure for purposes of grant - Proposals of the Director of Public Instruction - Approved.

Education Department.

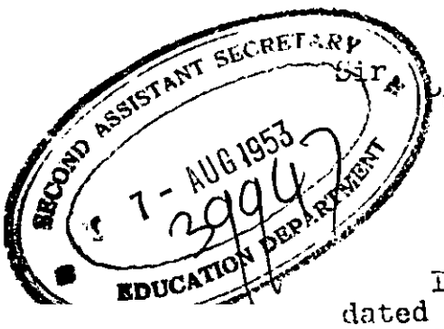
From

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

To

The Secretary toGovernment,
Education Department, Madras.

Rc.No.266-D3/53 dated 3-8-1953.



Sir,

Sub: Schools - Secondary - Aided - Canara High School, Mangalore - School Museum (Mahatma Gandhi Museum) - Appointment of a full-time Curator - assessment of Grant.

In submitting herewith a copy of letter No.G.374 dated 12-5-1953, from the Correspondent, Kanara High School, Mangalore, I request that Government may be pleased to approve the proposal in the circumstances stated below.

2 The collections in the Museum are unique. No such museum is maintained in any other school and hence this museum deserves ~~duly~~ encouragement. In case Government are pleased to accept my recommendation, I may state that there will be no room for any similar requests from any other management, and it may be possible to propose this institution to take up the task of training teachers in Museum Technique in respect of teachers of the West Coast and even Coimbatore and the Nilgiris. At present the only centre for such training for the whole State is the Madras Museum.

3 I therefore request that Government may consider the request of the management for the employment of a full time Curator for the Museum and admit his salary for purposes of grant in the scale of pay for graduates. The extra expenditure involved will be negligible and can be met from the Budget allotment under 37. Education-Teaching.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction

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Copy of Letter No.374 dated 12-5-53 from the Correspondent, Canara High School, Mangalore to theDirector of Public Instruction, Madras through the District Educational Officer South Kanara, Mangalore.

The Canara High School Museum which has been, with the written permission of the Father of the Nation named the Mahatma Gandhi Museum has been pronounced to be a unique School Museum not only from the Indian point of view, but from the World point of view, by competent observers like Mr. Kuruvilla Jacob, President of the 43rd Madras State Educational Conference Sri S. Natarajan, President of the S.I.T.U; Sri E.H. Parameshwaran, M.L.C., a copy of those appreciation is annexed. It has a larger collection of African Antelope heads than any other Museum in India. It is one of the few museums in India to have a full skeleton of a 65 feet Rorqual Whale. Being the only Museum of its kind on the West Coast of the State of Madras, it is visited by the pupils not only of theSchools of South Canara, but of Schools of other Districts as well. Arrangements have to be made to explain to them all the objects in the Museum. This is all the more necessary as, owing to want of space, we have not been able to annex explanatory placards to every item. Besides the very large number of items, especially the Zoological ones require continual attention in the matter of insecticide, fungicide etc., treatment. We want to expand the Museum by adding Zoological specimens from the North West and North East of India besides resuming Correspondence with Museums outside India which on the eve of the Second World War brought us to Egg of an Emu(From the Sydney Museum), a Babirussa Skull (from the Buitenzorg Museum) and a Mamba Skin and other specimens (from the Pietermaritzburg Museum)

2This will require a great deal of Correspondence, arrangements for transport & customs clearance which will require full time attention.

3In the matter of local archaelogical and anthropological antiquities, of which we have been able to secure a few, the curator has to tour the district now and then to inspect and secure antiquities and arrange for their transport. All this require the services of a full time Curator.

4Our honorary Curator Sri V. Anantha Rama Rau, B.A., B.T., has been trained at the Madras Museum. We pray that we may be allowed to appoint him full time Curator of the Museum and that this appointment may be recognised for the purpose of teaching grant and that his salary may be included in the assessment of such grant.

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for Director of Public Instruction

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The Mahatma Gandhi Museum of the Canara High School is a great Institution. It has a remarkable Collection of useful and interesting articles illustrating the greatness of our Country. I wish to express my grateful thanks to those who have worked hard in rearranging this Museum for the Occasion of the Conference, and pay my respectful tribute to the Valuable services rendered by Sri M. Madhava Rao, whose great zeal and tireless energy are responsible for building up this Museum.

(Sd.) S. Natarajan.

9.5.53.

It has been a great previledge and a great pleasure to me to visit the Mahatma Gandhi Museum of the Canara High School. I have not seen anything comparable to this Museum in size or in the variety of specimens in any school either in this Country or Outside. The great zeal of the manager of the School, Mr. M. Madhava Rao, and of the Staff, pupils and Old Boys of the School which has made the Museum so great, is a source of inspiration.

(Sd) K. Kuruvilla Jacob,
President,
9-5-53. 43rd State Educational Conference.

I had the privilege of going round the Exhibition arranged in connection with the State Educational Conference Mr. M. Madhava Rao, the inspiring genius and architect of the Museum was good enough to explain the history of every exhibit. I had had occasion to see many of these exhibitions but I must say this exhibition surpasses so many other Educational exhibitions in quality, variety, and excellence. The organisers of the exhibition especially Prof. Krishna of the Training College and Mr. Anantarama Rao and others deserve our praise and congratulations.

The Canara High School Museum which is the nucleus around which the exhibition has been arranged is so good and so well maintained that it deserves recognition at the hands of the Government so that it may serve a wider public.

Sd. E.H.Parameshwaran M.L.C.,
Headmaster, Tirthapati High
School, Ambasamudram.

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Sd. Correspondent,
Canara High School,
Mangalore.

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Edn (B)

Grant - Teaching - Canara High School, Mangalore. Appointment of a full-time curator for the School Museum - Admission of expenditure for purposes of grant - Proposals of the D.P.I. - Approved.

From the D.P.I. Rc. No. 266 D3/53 dt 3.8.53.

Order/MS. No 2224 Edn. dated 21/9/53.

In the circumstances stated, the Govt. approve the proposals of the D.P.I. that the management of the Canara High School, Mangalore may be permitted to employ a full-time curator for the museum attached to the school and that the expenditure incurred by the management on the payment of salary and allowances to the curator may be ~~accorded~~ treated as an item of approved expenditure for purposes of assessment of the teaching grant for the

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school.

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To

The D.P.I.

The A.G. Edn' Finance

The A.G. by name.

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Grant – Teaching – Canara High School, Mangalore – Appointment of a full-time curator for the School Museum – Admission of expenditure on Salary for purposes of assessment of grant.

p1cf From the D.P.I. Rc. No. 266 D3/53 dt 3-8-53.

1p1cf The D.P.I. has forwarded a copy of the
x p3cf representation from the Correspondent, Canara High
para 4 on p3cf School, Mangalore requesting that the permission may be granted to the employment of a full-time curator for the School museum and that the expenditure incurred on the payment of salary and allowances to the curator may be admitted as an item of approved expenditure for purposes of assessment of the teaching grant payable to the institution. The management has given
p 3 cf a brief report on the museum attached to the school and has explained the need for the employment of a full-
para 2 on p1cf time curator. In his endorsement, the D.P.I. has pointed out that no such museum is maintained in any other school and that the collections in the museum
Ibid are unique. The Director considers that the museum deserves every encouragement. He points out that this museum can be utilised for giving training ~~teachers~~ opto in museum technique to teachers of the West Coast and even of Coimbatore and the Nilgiris Dts. The ϕ It is
para 2 on p1cf also stated that if the proposal is approved there is no room for a similar request from any other management as this is the only institution to maintain a museum of
para 3 on p1cf this type. The extra expenditure involved is reported to be negligible.
para 4 on p3cf 2. It is also reported that the present honorary curator of the museum attached to the Canara High School Mangalore has been trained at the Madras Museum. In view of this and in view of the fact that it is the
para 2 on p1cf only institution maintaining a museum, the Director's proposal that the management may be permitted to

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appoint a full-time curator and to admit the expenditure on payment of salary and allowances to the curator for purposes of payment of teaching grant to the institution may be supported. /B/ A 12/15-9

3. The remarks of Finance may be invited U.O.

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Finance (E.H.A) Edn U.O No 39947 B/53-1 Edn. 26/8/53.

The note of the Edn dept on pp 1-2 above may be perused. ~~Teachers Postgraduate Associated Professors~~. In the circumstances stated, this dept may agree to the proposal at 'A' above.

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The D.P.I. has recommended that the management of the Canara High School, Mangalore may be permitted to appoint a full-time curator for the museum attached to the school and that the expenditure on this account may be admitted for purposes of aid. It is proposed to accept the Director's recommendation. Finance have agreed to the proposal. A draft order is submitted below for approval. M(Acc) and M(Edn) may see.

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